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Election weather forecast update

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The day of the General Election now falls within the range of the Met Office's medium range, 6- to 10-day weather forecast.

It looks like 7 June is set to be bright, breezy and cool, with showers breaking out during the morning. The heaviest and most persistent of these are likely to be confined to western districts.

Mark Gibbs, Public Service Manager at the Met Office, said: "On polling day it will be worth keeping a 'brolly' handy, although many places will miss the showers entirely".

Notes:

1. These forecasts will be updated between now and election day.

2. The weather for the last five election days is summarised below:

1 May 1997
Dry and sunny across England and Wales. However, it was cloudier across Northern Ireland and Scotland, although even there the cloud was thin enough to give some good spells of sunshine.

9 April 1992
Dry with mostly unbroken sunshine across England and Wales. Northern Ireland and Scotland were cloudy with outbreaks of rain affecting north and west Scotland.

11 June 1987
Sunny across South Wales, south-west and central southern England. Elsewhere, cloudy with thunderstorms in the afternoon along a line from North Wales, through London, to north Kent.

9 June 1983
Many places across the UK had light showers during the day. However, the cloud broke at times to allow some sunshine.

3 May 1979
Cold and showery everywhere. The showers were mostly light but temperatures were well below normal.

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